

Applicant's Remarks

Applicant has herein amended claims 1 and 4 to remove the extraneous words "said" and "the" respectively, in each of these claims. These amendments raise no new issues and no new matter is entered.

Applicant has also amended claim 6 to be dependent upon claim 5. No new matter is entered, and one of ordinary skill in the art immediately recognizes this having been a simply typographical error. The words "fuel containment vessel" in claim six find antecedent basis only in claim five. Thus, it was not possible for claim six to have been originally dependent upon any claim other than claim five.

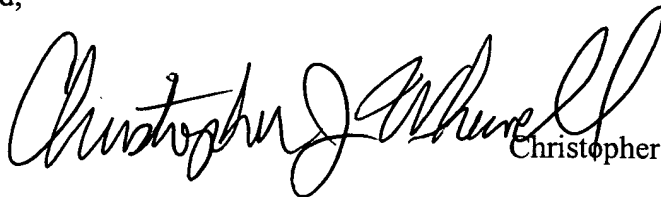
Per the Examiner's request, Applicant herein requests withdrawal of claims eight through twelve (8-12) as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicant intends to timely file a Divisional application directed at the subject matter of these claims.

In addition, Applicant has submitted herewith replacement sheets for drawings figures 46A – 46F.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections in the 08/28/06 Office Action have now been addressed, and remedied herein. Applicant kindly requests favorable review of the contents of this Submission, and passage of claims 1-7, 13, 14 to allowance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



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